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Dear Ned,

Many thanks for your gift. There is never a time when I can with complete honesty say the timing could not be more perfect, for I'm past the point where I was to have started paying for the copies of the documents.

KIm happy at the sign of belated conscience in Robert. If you really want to know the man's dedication to real freedom and especially that of writers, listen to the tape I have of the show he and Nizer did with me and Leo Sauvage. A more fascist attack on the freedom of writers I havem't heard since the Hitler days-and on what should happen to them. For your own future peace of mind, do not be deceived by his present pleasantness. His competence and his grapm of the subject I ask you not to sahre with hin. He told you, represented this: "He said he had looked at many of the 85 pages new documents released and wrote a small article for next week's Newsweek on...." One file alone has more than 900 pages! Some glance, some comprehension! It now looks as though the cost of getting a copy of each page (which, of course, will be shared with other responsible researchers who may want copies) will be about $250. We have in the heighborhood of 750 pages in hand, have postponed decision on this and one other very large file, and have a precautionary inventory, to protect against withdrawing of what has been released. Much should not have been and may be some kind of subtle/sinister trap, to entice use as a mean of justifying future withholdings.

FRAME-UP got a rave review in Publisher's Weekly dated 2/1, p. 69. I take it as a sign of reason for a little hope.

I'm deeply involved in an answer to one of the rottener fedefal dirty tricks, a motion so currupt and so deliberately and knowingly erroneous that it makes the Warren Report look like holy scripture. There is no dirty trick of which they are not capable. Example, they fried to trick me into default on the response. Second example, although today we must begin typing the (lengthy) response to meet the time deadline, I have yet to receive the attachments to their papers, even though they certified to the court that they served them upon me 1/13. Now I've asked for these twice since then, and as of today do not have them. As of Tursday, three days ago, they hadn't even been copied.

All of this gives a special perspective, and to serious-minded people who either do not know the fact or are unwilling to believe what government is capable of, what I've repared and will file should given a definitive answer on intent at the very least.

If Roberts had any inkling of the fact, he'd have found a sensational story in some of the more obvious released papers (for which I was responsible), so, because I do not want it used wrongly or out of context, his ignorance is a boon. When you are here again, I'll tell you how it made it possible for me to solve two of the perplexing mysterious about which I'd had only suspicions. They happen to be correct.

Again, thanks. When I have these released papers, people like Gary, whose seriousness and understanding can't be questioned, will be welcome to copies, as they've already been told. Excuse haste. These legal papers are almost book length and my wife has only parts of weekends on which to type them. Meanwhile, I've got most of it still to read and correct.

Sincerely,